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PURCHASE LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT

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1. ASIDE FROM STRAIGHT NEWS REPORTING, ONLY LOCAL EDITORIAL
REACTION TO DATE IS IN VANCOUVER PROVINCE JULY 22 EDITORIAL
ENTITLED, "A NEW DAWN PATROL AIRCRAFT". EDITORIAL STATES,"
MMM THE AIRCRAFT WE RE BUYING FROM LOCKHEED WILL BE FULLY
CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT OUR NATO RESPONSIBILITIES IN
PATROLLING THE NORTH ATLANTIC. BUT THE WON T BE ABLE TO DO SOME
OF THE CIVILIAN THINGS WE D EXPECT OF THEM ... THAT S FAIR
ENOUGH. WE NEEDED THE AIRCRAFT FOR ITS PRIMARY ROLE OF
OCEAN SURVEILLANCE, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT WE RE ABOUT TO HAVE OUR
LONG-SOUGHT 200 MILE SEA LIMIT."

2. EDITORIAL CONTINUES, "THE FACT THAT CANADA WILL NOT HAVE
TO PAY ANY OF THE COST OF INTERIM FINANCING FOR THE DEAL... CAN BE
CREDITED TO SUPPLY MINISTER JEAN-PIERRE GOYER... MR. GOYER S
OBJECTIONS TO THE EARLIER CONTRACT HAVE, OF COURSE, BEEN
VINDICATED..."

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